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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 25, with the following amended paragraph:

In accordance with one embodiment of the present invention, a shoe is provided in which is placed a disposable shoe liner. The liner may contain is provided that contains a laminate structure shaped to approximate the contours of a foot. The laminate structure has a first substrate containing a thermoplastic polymer and a second substrate containing a thermoplastic polymer. The thermoplastic polymer of each substrate is fused together to form fused portions and unfused portions located between the fused portions. The unfused portions define pockets containing discrete regions of a functional material (e.g., particles, etc.).

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 22, with the following amended paragraph:

In general, the present invention is directed to a <u>shoe in which is</u> <u>placed a</u> disposable shoe liner that is formed with pockets containing discrete regions of a functional material. For example, particles, such as cushioning or massaging agents, odor absorbents, antimicrobial agents, (e.g., antibacterial, antiviral, antifungal, etc.), sweat absorbents, and the like, can be utilized. It has been discovered that pockets containing discrete regions of a functional material can provide comfort to the foot of a user (e.g., massaging, cushioning, support, etc.), as well as other functional attributes (e.g., odor absorbency, etc.), when incorporated into the shoe liner of the present invention. Moreover, if desired the use of pockets can also allow the shoe liner to maintain its functionality over an extended period of time.